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AMENDMENT A

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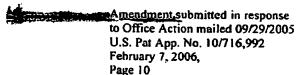
This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, for which a response is due on February 28, 2006, with a two-month extension and fee of \$225. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees to process this Amendment, or credit any over-payments that may apply, to Deposit Account No. 50-2284 (Order No. AMSI-P001).

The amendments set forth herein are provided solely to clarify the invention as filed and set forth in the pending claims in order to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The amendments are not intended to limit the invention or preclude the application of equivalents which Applicant may be entitled to under law.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.



Claim 36

Applicant submits that newly presented claim 36 presents no new subject matter. Support for the claim may be found in the Specification at ¶ 0023.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to process this Amendment, or credit any over-payments that may apply, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2284 (Order No. AMSI-P001).

Respectfully submitted,

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